CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON TIGARD CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 06-17

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING CITY COUNCIL INPUT INTO THE DRAFT 2008-2011 STIP (STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) AND EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION OF CERTAIN KEY PROJECTS IN THE FINAL STIP.

WHEREAS, the STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program) is ODOT's (Oregon Department of Transportation) project funding and scheduling document; and

WHEREAS, ODOT is requesting public input and comment on the draft project lists for the 2008-2011 STIP; and

WHEREAS, the draft STIP projects are divided into categories under modernization, preservation, safety and bridge; and

WHEREAS, certain projects under the modernization, preservation, and bridge categories are important to this part of Region 1 and should be strongly supported for inclusion in the final STIP for 2008-2011; and

WHEREAS, two projects in the modernization category are focused on improvements to the I-5 corridor from Tigard to Wilsonville, which would improve traffic movement into and out of the City; and

WHEREAS, the preservation category includes a project to resurface Hall Boulevard within the Tigard City Limits from Scholls Ferry Road within the Washington Square Regional Center in the north to Durham Road in the southern end of the City; and

WHEREAS, the bridge category includes a project to replace the Highway 99W overpass adjacent to downtown Tigard, which presents a rare opportunity for the City to become actively involved in the design of the project to enhance the look of the overpass and to ensure better entry into the downtown from Tigard and Commercial Streets; and

WHEREAS, the Tigard City Council strongly supports the inclusion of those projects into the final STIP for 2008-2011; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for public input into the draft project lists is April 14, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tigard City Council that:

SECTION 1: City Council strongly supports inclusion of the projects listed in the attached Exhibit A in the final 2008-2011 STIP.

SECTION 2: City Council requests that ODOT consider the enhancement of the Tigard downtown area in the replacement of the Highway 99W overpass. City Council further requests that ODOT include the City as an active participant in the design review to ensure that the appearance of the overpass is in harmony with the Tigard Downtown Plan and that placement of the piers enhance entry into the downtown area via Tigard and Commercial Streets.

SECTION 3: City Council authorizes the Mayor to transmit this resolution to ODOT, on behalf of the entire Council, prior to the public input deadline of April 14, 2006.

SECTION 4: This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED: This 28^{th} day of March 2006.

Mayor - Lity of Tigard

ATTEST:

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City Recorder - City of Tigard

Exhibit A

Projects Recommended for Inclusion in the 2008-2011 STIP

Modernization Projects

- I-5 SB/ I-205 Merge: Acceleration Lane (scheduled for 2010). This project constructs an acceleration lane at the merge of I-205/I-5 southbound for improved operations and safety. This project would reduce the severe backups experienced on I-5 adjacent to Tigard and should improve traffic movements into and out of the City.
- I-5: Wilsonville Interchange (scheduled for 2011). This project would improve the Wilsonville interchange with I-5. The bottleneck on I-5 extends from Tigard down to Wilsonville. South of Wilsonville, the traffic on I-5 moves much more freely. Any project that seeks to improve traffic flow on I-5 from Tigard to Wilsonville should be supported for funding.

Preservation Projects

• OR141 and OR210: Hall Blvd, Boones Ferry Road, Scholls Ferry Road (scheduled for 2010 or 2011). This is a resurfacing project covering the full length of Hall Boulevard from Scholls Ferry Road near the Washington Square Regional Center to Durham Road. This project would improve the rideability and existing pavement condition on Hall Boulevard within the City Limits.

Bridge Projects

• OR99W over Portland/Western Railroad in Tigard (scheduled for 2009). This project replaces the Highway 99W overpass over the railroad in Tigard. Freight mobility is the driving factor behind the replacement of this overpass. The existing overpass cannot take overweight loads and poses a barrier to movement of freight up and down the 99W corridor. The entire overpass was not constructed to deal with seismic activity and needs to be redesigned and replaced to meet current standards. This project presents a rare opportunity for the City to provide input on the placement of the piers to improve access to the Tigard downtown via Tigard and Commercial Streets. In addition, City participation in the design review may provide opportunities to enhance the appearance of the overpass, which should be aesthetically pleasing and in harmony with the Tigard Downtown Plan.

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